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ITEM NO: WH-83

DATE: 20 MARCH 1974

SUBJECT: REPORTED SOVIET OFFER OF MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH FRANCE

THE FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE IN WARSAW TOLD HIS US COUNTERPART THAT THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR, IN BRIEFING FOR THE RECENT POMPIDOU VISIT TO THE USSR, STATED THAT BREZHNEV HAD OFFERED POMPIDOU A "MILITARY ALLIANCE" WHICH THE FRENCH REPORTEDLY DECLINED.

THERE ARE AMPLE POSSIBILITIES FOR MISUNDERSTANDING IN THIS THIRD-HAND REPORT AND THE MEANING OF "MILITARY ALLIANCE" IS UNCERTAIN. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD HAVE OFFERED THE FRENCH ANYTHING GOING MUCH BEYOND THEIR EXISTING PROTOCOL ON CONSULTATIONS. THERE WAS NO INDICATION DURING GROMYKO'S PREPARATORY TRIP TO PARIS THAT THE SOVIETS WERE ANGLING FOR A MAJOR NEW AGREEMENT

THERE IS NO PARTICULAR EVIDENCE THAT

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BREZHNEV IS IN TROUBLE, ALTHOUGH HIS FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVES
HAVE BEEN CHECKED IN SOME AREAS AND IT IS LIKELY THAT THEY HAVE
BEEN SUBJECTED TO QUESTIONING.

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